

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 160

Introduced by Assembly Member Keene

August 7, 2006

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 160—Relative to the Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 160, as introduced, Keene.

This measure would designate a portion of Highway 149 in Butte County as the Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes was born June, 10,
2 1940 and died in the line of duty July 26, 2001; and
3 WHEREAS, Lt. Estes joined the Butte County Sheriff’s
4 Department in 1973, worked in patrol for 12 years, and at the
5 Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force for four years; and
6 WHEREAS, Lt. Estes was promoted to sergeant in 1991 and
7 transferred to investigation in 1994. A year later he was
8 promoted to lieutenant and named chief deputy coroner; and
9 WHEREAS, In 1998, Lt. Estes was promoted to assistant
10 sheriff; the highest nonelected position in the department; and

1 WHEREAS, Lt. Estes was the husband of Carolyn Estes and
2 father to Brian, Jennifer, and Darren; and

3 WHEREAS, Lt. Estes is remembered as a man with a
4 wonderful sense of humor and who leaves a legacy of honor with
5 the department; and

6 WHEREAS, Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter was born
7 November 10, 1974 and died in the line of duty on July 26, 2001;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Deputy Hunter joined the Butte County Sheriff’s
10 Department in 1998 and had been selected to join the K-9 team;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Deputy Hunter was the husband of Holly Hunter,
13 the son of Tom and Barbara Hunter, and the brother of Richard
14 and Kevin Hunter; and

15 WHEREAS, Deputy Hunter is remembered as a generous,
16 kind, and giving man who treated everyone with respect, and
17 who believed in the honor and the code of law enforcement; and

18 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy
19 William R. “Bill” Hunter were tragically killed by gunfire in the
20 line of duty on July 26, 2001, when they were ambushed by a
21 suspect in the Inskip area of Paradise Ridge; and

22 WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to the bravery and
23 dedication of these fallen heroes who were called to make the
24 ultimate sacrifice in the service of the community to name the
25 portion of Highway 149 that passes through Butte County as the
26 Lt. Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill”
27 Hunter Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
30 portion of Highway 149 passing through Butte County as the Lt.
31 Leonard B. “Larry” Estes and Deputy William R. “Bill” Hunter
32 Memorial Highway; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
34 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
35 with the signing requirements of the state highway system,
36 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations
37 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
38 be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
- 2 copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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